

REPORT

TOPIC Appraisal of Soviet Troops at the Temple's Troop Training Grounds

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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Information

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Between 14 and 16 April 1953, tanks and AA guns of the units from Bernau and Eberswalde were continuously detrained at the Templin railroad station. The detraining was supervised by Colonel Sheilov (fnu) and a captain of a tank unit from Bernau. [redacted] a total of 31 trains, each of 50 to 60 cars, had been unloaded. On 14 April, 10 trains, each carrying 8 to 18 T-34 and T-43 tanks [redacted] and an undetermined number of troops and motor vehicles.

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_____ were unloaded. On 15 April, seven trains of 50 cars each were unloaded. They included a train carrying 21 JS-3 tanks _____ All the tanks mounted AA machine guns. Trucks observed _____ On 16 April, nine trains, carrying a total of 12 medium AA guns, 36 JS-2 tanks _____ and an undetermined number of trucks, _____ and others _____

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[redacted] were unloaded. The unloaded materiel left toward the training grounds.

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Comment.

[redacted] 130 T-34 and 57 JS tanks from Eberswalde and Bernau were, among other materiel, unloaded between 14 and 16 April. According to [redacted] seen with these shipments, the tanks probably belonged to the division, although loadings in Bernau as well as in Eberswalde [redacted] started only on 15 April. [redacted] the 12 medium AA guns may belong to the 63d AAA Div [redacted] the quarters of the 120th (?) AAA Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div in Bernau still occupied to capacity on 16 April. [redacted] . The numbers of 31 trains would be about sufficient for the transport of the combat elements of a mechanized division.

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